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TAGS: PREL, PINS, SW, UR
SUBJECT: SOVIETS INVITE WALLENBERG RELATIVES

1. THE SWEDISH PRESS REPORTED AUGUST 15 THAT RAOUL WALLENBERG'S HALF-SIBLINGS AND MEMBERS OF THE RAOUL WALLENBERG ASSOCIATION HAVE BEEN INVITED TO MOSCOW BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES. RAOUL WALLENBERG DISAPPEARED IN BUDAPEST IN 1945, AND THE OFFICIAL SOVIET STORY HAS BEEN THAT HE DIED IN A SOVIET PRISON FROM A HEART ATTACK IN 1947. THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN STOCKHOLM, BORIS PANKIN, PRESENTED THE INVITATION BUT WITH NO INDICATION OF WHICH SOVIET OFFICIALS WILL RECEIVE THE WALLENBERG RELATIVES. THE VISIT HAS BEEN SET FOR LATE OCTOBER.

2. FORMER SWEDISH AMBASSADOR PER ANGER TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE GROUP EXPECTS TO BE RECEIVED AT A HIGH LEVEL AND THAT THE INVITATION IS A RESULT OF INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE. ANGER STATED: "WE HAVE FOUND WITNESSES WHO HAVE SEEN RAOUL WALLENBERG ALIVE AS LATE AS IN 1978.

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THIS INFORMATION LED TO AN ENORMOUS EXCITEMENT ALL OVER

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THE WORLD. BOTH RONALD REAGAN AND MARGARET THATCHER
HAVE BROUGHT UP THE WALLENBERG CASE WITH GORBACHEV. AND
MOST RECENTLY HELMUT KOHL BROUGHT UP THE QUESTION."
ANGER REFUSED TO SPECULATE ABOUT WHAT RESULTS THE VISIT
MIGHT PRODUCE BUT SAID THE WALLENBERG GROUP "IS HAPPY
THAT THINGS ARE FINALLY STARTING TO HAPPEN".

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